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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Claims 19-23 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicants thank Examiner Marvich for the telephone call of December 2, 2004 which clarified the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants believe that their Supplemental Amendment of August 12, 2004 was in compliance with the rules. Regarding claims 6 and 24, the Amendment of July 15, 2004 included inadvertent word processing errors that were corrected in the Supplemental Amendment of August 12, 2004. Regarding claim 2, an extra comma was inadvertently included in the July 15, 2004 Amendment which was deleted by the Supplemental Amendment of August 12, 2004.

Examiner Marvich indicated that in claim 3 of the July 15, 2004 Amendment, the word "contains" should have been deleted by "strike-through" and not "double brackets". The Examiner indicated that this amendment had been entered and thus no correction was necessary.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 226272007801. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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